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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CHINESE BUDGET  
SEMINAR: SEPTEMBER 10-20

REF: A) BEIJING 23944, B) STATE 261653

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOF HAVE GIVEN US ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SEPTEMBER 10-20 BUDGET SEMINAR. FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE REQUESTED THE TWO AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, RICK BRANDON OF SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND PETE MODLIN, FORMERLY OF OMB, TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THEIR VISA AUTHORIZATIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. THE MOF IS PLEASED TO HAVE MODLIN PARTICIPATE AND ENCOURAGES HIM TO CONTACT THE CHINESE EMBASSY AS SOON AS HIS PASSPORT IS READY.

2. ACCORDING TO MOF, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT A SPECIAL FACILITY AT THE HUAI RUO RESERVOIR NORTHEAST OF BEIJING. THE FACILITY IS FAIRLY REMOTE AND THE CHINESE BELIEVE IT WILL GIVE THE SEMINAR THE DETACHED ATMOSPHERE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULING FOR THE SEMINAR CALLS FOR HALF-DAY PRESENTATIONS IN THE MORNING WITH AFTERNOONS DEVOTED TO QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE MORNING'S PRESENTATION. THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 16 AND 17 SEPTEMBER. OTHER INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG, INDIA, ROMANIA, JAPAN, AND THE IMF. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CONCLUDES WITH ONE DAY FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR. MOF EXPECTS ABOUT 100 CHINESE TO ATTEND, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE MOF REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THEY HOPE BRANDON AND MODLIN WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE SEMINAR WITH EXPERTISE ON THE SUBJECTS OF FORMULATION, REGULATION, AND TIMING. HOWEVER, MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECTS FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS SHOULD FOLLOW FROM MOF IN A FEW DAYS.

4. HOLDING THE SEMINAR AT THE HUAI RUO RESERVOIR, WHILE RELAXING, WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE BEIJING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS DURING THE

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SEPTEMBER 10-20 PERIOD. AS A RESULT; WE RECOMMEND  
THAT THE PARTICIPANTS PLAN TO COME INTO BEIJING FOR  
AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 21, AS THERE ARE OFFICIALS IN THE  
STATE PLANNING COMMISSION WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH  
THEM. IF THE PARTICIPANTS WISH TO MEET ANYONE OR SEE  
ANYTHING ELSE IN THE BEIJING AREA, WE COULD ALSO  
ARRANGE FOR OTHER APPOINTMENTS AFTER THE SEMINAR.

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